



# *APD NEWS*

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**APD officers play in “Austin’s Heroes vs. Dobie’s Heroes” soccer game**

On Friday, May 7, 2010, Austin Police Officers will compete in the “Austin’s Heroes vs. Dobie’s Heroes” soccer game at Dobie Middle School. A total of 85 students from Dobie Middle School, 40 from the “Launch Pad” program and 15 from each grade level that have the best attendance and good behavior will participate in the game. In addition to the soccer games, lunch and other athletic activities will take place.

**Austin’s Heroes vs. Dobie’s Heroes Soccer Game**

**Friday, May 7, 2010**

**8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Dobie Middle School**

**1200 East Rundberg Lane**

**Austin, TX 78753**

Dobie’s Drop Out Prevention Specialist, Maria Hernandez, and Parent Support Specialist, Elisa Quintana, strategically joined forces with “Launch Pad” to help improve attendance and behavioral issues. David Contreras’ after-school program “Launch Pad” meets every Tuesday and Thursday after school to discuss/teach students core values, the importance of education, and how to improve their attendance and succeed in life. The program uses PowerPoint and movie clips to demonstrate their message and motivational speakers are brought in to help encourage students.

Dobie Middle School, Launch Pad, The Austin Police Department, the Office of Community Liaison/Blue Santa, and Austin Spice are sponsoring this event.

**Media Advisory:** Austin Police officers, Launch Pad and Dobie Middle School staff will be available for interviews at 9 a.m. and throughout the event.

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